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Secretary Elaine Chao U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC, 20590

Certification of Financial Contribution INFRA Grant Application: Subject:

I-95/I-87 Rural Corridor, Resiliency, Innovative Technology and

Improvements

Dear Secretary Chao:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation wishes to express its full support for the I-95/I-87 Rural Corridor, Resiliency, Innovative Technology and Improvements project under the United States Department of Transportation's Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program. This project represents much-needed resilient infrastructure and technology improvements to I-95, a major national transportation facility, as well as US 64 (Future I-87) in eastern North Carolina, as reflected in our mission statement:

Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina.

As demonstrated in the project narrative and letters of support, the project is needed to improve the I-95 and Future I-87 (US 64) corridors to upgrade facilities to interstate and freeway standards, provide additional safety improvements including resilient infrastructure, reduce travel times, improve freight connectivity, and rural communications infrastructure.

To that end, the NCDOT will fund the I-95/I-87 Rural Corridor, Resiliency, Innovative Technology and Improvements project in the amount of \$908,302,800.00 towards a successful INFRA grant from the state funded North Carolina Highway Trust Fund.

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Thank you for your consideration of the I-95/I-87 Rural Corridor, Resiliency, Innovative Technology and Improvements project for the 2019 INFRA Discretionary Grant Program.

If NCDOT can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (919) 707-4320 or via e-mail at erodewald@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

Docusigned by:

Evan Rodewald

Chief Financial Officer